

PATENT  
2048-039 (81841.0183)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David L. GOODALE, et al.

Serial No: 09/780,804

Filed: February 9, 2001

For: LATCH SYSTEM AND MODIFIED  
BLADE DESIGN FOR THICK STOPPER-  
CLOSED CONTAINER SAMPLING  
PIERCING STATION

Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: Elizabeth Quan

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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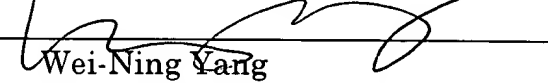
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